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GRAVE SITUATION IN BALTC PROVINCES

Conditions Approach Those of Civil War-- Governor-General Given Sweeping Power in Order to Restore Tranquillity.

(Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, Dec. 12 (morning).—Via Eydkuhnen, Dec. 12.—The situation in the Baltic provinces is now the most grave of the empire's condition. It approaches civil war, and the government has been forced to appoint a governor-general with sweeping powers to try and restore order. All the troops in the provinces have been placed under his command, the importation of arms which have been entering the country in large quantities and the sale of weapons have been prohibited, and the authorities are even empowered to arrest for three months, under an administrative order, persons having arms in their possession. At the same time the government recognizes that crushing the growing rebellion by force will not suffice, and that some sort of

Local Self-Government will alone quiet the population. Therefore it has ordered the convocation of representatives of the various classes of the provinces, including the peasants, to work out a scheme for the creating of a zemstvo to control local affairs.

At the workmen's meetings last night the members of the Finnish national guard, really a socialist organization, tendered their support, and a sailor claiming to represent the majority of his comrades declared—the sailors and soldiers were with the proletariat, promising that when the signal is given the sailors will be found ready.

The commission which is discussing peasant legislation has reached an exceedingly important decision involving the rights of the communes to assign lands in severalty to individuals, which would give them the right to sell the lands at will, thus virtually sounding the

Knell of the Communal System. Where the peasants desire to retain the commune, however, they may mortgage the land and obtain money to purchase additional lands, make improvements and buy agricultural implements. This decision is based on the fact that the Emperor's remission of further payments of the peasants' arrears of debt ended the necessity for communal ownership, which was a device of the government to hold the entire community responsible for the redemption of land granted when serfdom was abolished.

Anarchy Must Come. St. Petersburg, Dec. 12 (morning), via Eydkuhnen, Dec. 12.—The restoration of cable communication with points abroad yesterday lasted only a few hours. Before midnight it was reported that the cable was cut and that dispatches must all be forwarded by courier via the German frontier. Nevertheless the outlook is clearing. The government is breathing freer, believing that they have a fighting chance and that Premier Witte will yet be able to see his way.

The threat of a general strike in the immediate future has disappeared and the telegraph strike, not being supported, is going to pieces.

In spite of the wild appeals of the union to stand firm, at Moscow the tie-up remains complete but at many other places communication has been restored, although in a precarious position, as the employees of both the telegraph and postal services who were discharged by wholesale for refusing to work are cutting the wires wherever it is possible to do so.

The real leaders of the workmen and other proletarian organizations realizing their weakness and lack of preparations for a decisive struggle have carried the day over the hot-headed

ARRESTED IN PANAMA. Man Accused of Stealing Railway Tickets and Burning Depot to Hide His Crime. (Associated Press.) Colon, Dec. 12.—On board the Panama steamship Havana, which sailed yesterday for New York, were Mr. Price, a special agent of the Santa Fe railroad, and Matthew Kennedy, a detective of Kansas City, having in charge a man named Fuller, who for the past eight months has been station agent and postmaster at Pedro Miguel, in the canal zone, but who it is now alleged is a well known criminal.

It is charged that the man among other aliases is known as Armstrong, Letts and McGee, but his right name is Letts. It is alleged that he has been convicted of larceny, burglary and arson, and that he has been further alleged that he has been accused of attempted murder, bigamy and forgery. Fuller, it is said, married his third wife, Anna Lassen, of St. Louis at Cristobal a month ago.

A dispatch from Kansas City, December 11th, reported the arrest of M. Letts, former station agent for the Atchafalpa, Topeka & Santa Fe railway at Princeton, Kansas. Letts is charged with stealing \$70,000 worth of railroad

SUDDEN DEATH.

Nephew of the Late President Kruger Passed Away at Santa Barbara.

(Associated Press.) Santa Barbara, Cal., Dec. 12.—Rev. Dr. Martin Sorenson, of the Transvaal, South Africa, a nephew of the late President Paul Kruger, and a veteran of the Boer war, an ex-professor of languages of Oxford University and a missionary, lecturer and philanthropist, died suddenly here yesterday of asthma.

FIRE IN WINNIPEG. Addition to Central Congregational Church Damaged—Loss Thirty Thousand Dollars. (Associated Press.)

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—The handsome new addition to Central Congregational church, Hargrave street, was badly damaged by fire this morning, flames breaking out after 10 o'clock. The contractors were still in possession, and the church was to be reopened early in January. The loss will be \$30,000.

PRINCE ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT COMING

WILL VISIT CANADA ON WAY TO ENGLAND

His Royal Highness is Now En Route to Japan on Mission From the King. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Prince Arthur of Connaught will visit Canada very soon. The Prince is on his way to Japan on a mission from the King to deliver to His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan the insignia of the Order of the Prince will return by way of Canada.

The Dominion government sent an invitation to His Royal Highness to visit Canada, and a cable has been received from the colonial office accepting the invitation. The Prince will be accompanied by a staff of about 15. Arrangements for receiving the Prince have not yet been made. It is understood that a special train will be waiting at Vancouver to convey the Prince and party to Halifax. The Prince in addition to the Prince comprises Lord Ridesdale, Sir Edward H. Seymour, General Sir T. Kelly Kenny, Col. A. Davidson, Capt. Wyndham and W. Lampman. Sir Edward Seymour is admiral of the fleet, and General Kelly Kenny's name was prominent at the time of the South African war.

THE PROPOSED PEACE CONFERENCE

EFFORT TO FIX DATE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED

Attitude of Some of the Powers May Lead to an Indefinite Postponement. (Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 12.—The state department has been informed that the effort to arrange a date for the re-assembling of The Hague conference has been suspended for the time being, and it is now believed to be impossible for the second conference to meet early next year, as was once expected. The delay does not arise from any indisposition on the part of the great powers to accept the Russian Emperor's invitation, but simply because an important feature of the programme cannot be agreed upon until the government at Switzerland has acted. That government some time ago issued invitations to the powers to send delegates to a convention to assemble at Bern to consider amendments to the red cross convention.

The first Hague conference considered some topics appertaining to that convention, and in addition it suggested a number of kindred topics for consideration at the next Hague conference. Some of the government's invited to attend the second conference at The Hague have made the point that they are thus confronted with the possibility of being obliged to consider the same line of subject relating to Red Cross methods, and it has been suggested that the Swiss government withdraw its invitations to the independent conference at Bern, or that Red Cross matters be excluded from the second Hague conference.

The Swiss government has so far shown no disposition to abandon its projected conference, and the effort to fix a date for the second Hague conference is consequently suspended. Some indications of a purpose on the part of one or two of the powers to have details of the programme for the negotiations arranged in advance by negotiations are regarded here as threatening an indefinite postponement of the conference.

WAR VETERAN DEAD.

(Associated Press.) Oskosh, Wis., Dec. 12.—Gen. Thomas Allen, a distinguished veteran of the civil war and a pioneer newspaper man of this city, died last night at his home here, aged 80 years.

EXCITING FIGHT WITH A HUMP BACK

ORION'S ADVENTURE ON THE WEST COAST

Leviathan Struck Twice and Then Not Killed—Number Destroyed to Date. (Associated Press.)

To those inured to the dangers of whale hunting there is nothing more exciting than an encounter with a humpback when he shows fight. Though considerably smaller and incidentally of less value than the sulphur bottom, yet it is the gamiest leviathan of the two, and when wounded it is dangerous for man or craft to be at too close range. To landmen there is great excitement connected with every whale hunt, but at times the work of killing is done so expeditiously and swiftly that only in the size of the animal captured is there any special interest manifested.

But in the case of the steam whaler Orion, where the onslaught on whales is almost continuous, there are always instances where the judgment of those engaged in the pursuit is put to a severe test. An experience of the kind was successfully passed through a few days ago off the west coast of Vancouver Island. The Orion was out on one of her daily excursions when a humpback was sighted and followed. The Orion was kept well off—she never gets closer than 15 fathoms—and when the sea monster which first betrayed its presence by spouting, reared its back well above the surface, the gunner fired. The first shot only aroused the monster's anger. It ran for a considerable distance, and then stopped, occasionally rolling over and over. It pursued these tactics until the gunner fired once more. Usually the second shot accomplishes its deadly work, but in this case the explosion of the bomb did not kill outright, and there was an exciting struggle for a time, which ended with the lance having to be freely used. The injured whale worked his flippers furiously and lashed the waters into foam, the blood meantime flowing profusely from the great gaping wound in his back. But he fought ferociously to the end, time and again charging for the steamer, but always met a counter move that frustrated his intent. During this time the steamer had to be carefully handled and kept out of the way for one blow from the whale would have rendered very serious damage. The whale was badly injured, and the Orion's navigator knowing full well the strength of his game waited until its strength ebbed before attacking.

Excepting Sunday, the Orion has been engaged in a daily hunt, and she has killed on an average of one every 24 hours. The steamer arrived here this morning from the Sechart station, bringing Capt. S. Balcom, the manager of the institution to the city, but leaving Dr. Rismuller still on the coast overseeing the patents which are being applied to the machinery in use. It is expected that three whales will be handled daily, and this number the captain of the steamer considers that he will have no trouble in getting. The whales are plentiful off the coast, although there is one season in which they are never so plentiful as in others. The whales captured to date number 13. The biggest was a sulphur bottom, from which 90 barrels of oil were obtained.

Capt. Balcom, who arrived on the Orion, was seen to-day by a Times representative, and reported that his company would make the first shipment from the whaling station to Seattle on one of the round-trip freight liners next week. Shipment he added, will now be forwarded to the Old Country, and to Japan at regular intervals as the machinery of the station is now working satisfactorily. "If we had had Dr. Rismuller here months ago," he said, "the captain of the station might have been working long ago. The whaling industry is like the business of curing seal skins, which, as you know, is only done properly by one firm in the world. Dr. Rismuller has made a life-long study of whaling. He can put a few drops of chemical into a ton of material, and it goes through the process without trouble. It has not been the dryer altogether that has caused delay, but in the whole machinery. To-night the steamer will return to the coast, and will take down E. E. Scallan, of Newfoundland, who will be foreman, and who next to Dr. Rismuller knows more about whaling than probably any other man on the continent."

OREGON'S NEW SENATOR.

(Associated Press.) Salem, Ore., Dec. 12.—It is said that Governor Chamberlain will to-day appoint John M. Green, of Portland, United States senator to succeed the late John H. Mitchell. He will be the first Democratic senator that Oregon has had since 1878. A woman and her five children were burned to death in a fire in a five-story apartment house at Columbia avenue and 10th street, New York, Monday night. Two others were injured. Samuel S. Brown, coal operator and well known horseman, died Monday at his home at Pittsburg, Pa.



THE B. C. MINISTERS IN THE EAST.
The Finance Minister—"I'm tired of this. When are we going to Ottawa to discuss departmental affairs?"
The Prime Minister—"Tatlow, you haven't a soul above trivialities. Study me, and learn statecraft."

JUDGMENT HAS BEEN RESERVED

CONCLUSION OF THE CITY'S WATER CASE

Application For Injunction Against the Victoria Power Company Will Likely be Proceeded With. (Associated Press.)

The Godstream water case failed to reach a conclusion yesterday afternoon. It was found at 4.30 that counsel would still occupy considerable time so that no attempt was made to continue beyond the regular hour of adjournment.

Upon continuing his argument on behalf of the Esquimalt Water Works company yesterday afternoon A. P. Luxton, K. C., said that the city in acquiring water within twenty miles of Victoria was confined to the city's Water Act. No other method outside that act could be employed by the city to get a water supply. The act sought by the city under the Water Clauses Act. It seemed to him that the company having carried out all the work necessary to bring water to the city except the laying of the pipes to Victoria under a duty laid upon it by the act of 1873, it would be a monstrous thing for the city to claim a right to come in and claim the benefit of these works.

His Lordship thought that this was a matter with which the commission would have to deal. It was recognized that this was one of the duties of the commissioner. Mr. Luxton held that in equity his company had good ground for the stand taken. The city had stood by and let the company carry out works now came in to ask something to destroy these works.

His Lordship held that it is necessary to show fraud in such a case. Mr. Luxton contended that the authorities would bear him out that the company had a claim in equity, and cited cases in support of this view. He said the company was not limited to any time in bringing the water to the city. This was left to the discretion of the company, which was the best judge of when this should be done.

Fred Peters, K. C., then opened his address on behalf of the company. He took exception to the contention made by Mr. Bodwell, that the Victoria Water Works Act of 1873 had been followed by the other acts of a similar nature. The Nanaimo Act and others did not contain any clause giving vested rights to the companies concerned.

Mr. Peters contended that the Water Clauses Act of 1871 did not as represented displace anything in these companies' acts passed before. The legislature by passing an act passed before. There were in that year four acts, applications for private water acts, and those passed afterwards were made subject to the Water Clauses Act.

The only statutes in which it is set forth that when appropriation takes place that the rights were to be vested in the company forever are in three

charters, which included the Esquimalt Act of 1873 and the Victoria Water Works Act of 1885. By virtue of the statute and by virtue of appropriation the company had the rights vested forever, and only by the interposition of the crown could the act lapse.

His Lordship said he did not lay great stress on this. Mr. Peters contended that the company had the right to sell water for all purposes. The company had no right to sell power. The contract with the National Electric Company, by which 400 horse power was sold was perhaps beyond the rights of the company. The company was given the power to conduct waterworks, and with this went the furnishing of water for all purposes. The changing conditions made it unnecessary to enumerate the purposes for which water could be used. The widest scope was given to use water for all purposes, and was not limited to what was in a narrow sense regarded as domestic purposes.

His Lordship again introduced the question of whether the company could supply water to other parts than the Esquimalt peninsula before connecting by pipe line with the peninsula. Mr. Peters held that the company was not obliged to build its pipe line at once. It could build only half a mile and supply water along that part of it. The statute provided that the persons living near the source of supply might have the benefit of the water, and this was made a part of the territory capable of being supplied.

If the company, therefore, had the right to sell water for power purposes and had the right to sell to residents of the district then the company was using water for a beneficial purpose. The water discharged from the power house had been used for a beneficial purpose. It was not subject to the Water Clauses Act. Under the act of 1885 the company had the right to appropriate. Mr. Bodwell had held that diversion was an element of appropriation. But the distinction was made in the act. It was set forth that the water could be diverted and appropriated, yet in the investing clause of the act only the phrase appropriation was used.

The United States precedents cited by Mr. Bodwell were inappropriate. In California no law existed at first, and the miners mutually agreed upon a system for water supply, which, when statutes were introduced, were found to be fairly equitable, and statutes were correspondingly made. But in British Columbia there was always law so that the circumstances were different.

Incidentally His Lordship said that unfortunately on the statutes of British Columbia there had been language introduced from the understanding of terms in the Pacific states. These were often very repugnant to common law.

Further on His Lordship said that in arriving at a conclusion he went to any source even to United States authorities to seek assistance in arriving at it, and he would be sorry to think that because he did seek United States authorities in so doing that he was necessarily unduly influenced by these.

Mr. Peters said he did not suggest anything like this. His Lordship said that likely he did not, but that he had heard this put forth both at the bar and on the bench, and took occasion to express his own opinion on the subject.

Mr. Peters said that the company was given a vested right to use all the water of Godstream to supply Esquimalt and Victoria.

His Lordship wanted to know if this applied only to the water appropriated for the purpose, and whether it would

exclude the water running to waste. Mr. Peters said that the company had vested rights in all these waters flowing out of the power house for ever. These waters were subject to the purposes of the company's act to supply Esquimalt peninsula and Victoria. The case depended largely on what was understood by the vesting of the waters for ever. He did not lay great stress on the proprietary rights to the waters in the reservoir. If it can be interpreted that any other person can come below the company's works and obtain these waters, what was the force of saying that the water under these circumstances was vested in the company?

His Lordship pointed out that obtaining of a record for water by any party below the power house would be subject to the prior rights of the company. Any record would then be granted to any person subject to the right of the company to supply Esquimalt and Victoria.

Mr. Peters held that having appropriated the water it became vested in the company. His Lordship wanted to know if any riparian owner's rights below were interfered with could the company refuse to satisfy him.

Mr. Peters said that if any riparian owner was deprived of water compensation was necessary from the company. The company showed this claim by buying out all the riparian owners below with one exception.

His Lordship wanted to know what was the fault with granting the city a record subject to the paramount right of the Esquimalt and Victoria. He should the water be required by the company for Esquimalt and Victoria. Mr. Peters held that the commissioner had no right to grant an interim record to the city to any power company or any municipality.

His Lordship said this was not an interim record. Mr. Peters held that having appropriated the whole of the water of the watershed by taking all the steps that could be taken, the appropriation was, therefore, complete. The only record the commissioner could grant to a municipality under the Water Clauses Act was for ever. There could, therefore, be no grant of a record in this case.

The court adjourned at 4.30 until this morning. (Continued on page 4)

UNITED IN WEDLOCK.

Miss Stanford Macintosh and Mr. E. W. Jones Married at St. James' Church.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at St. James' church yesterday afternoon when Miss Isabel Stanford, fourth daughter of the Hon. and Mrs. Charles H. Macintosh, 135 Michigan street, and Mr. Elmer Watson Jones, barrister-in-law, of Brockville, Ont., were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, the rector, performed the ceremony in the presence of only a few relatives and intimate friends. The bride was given away by her father and wore a smart travelling dress of brown. Her two sisters, Miss Hazel and Miss Violet, acted as bridesmaids. Mr. Harold Mayne Daly and Mr. Frank Springer, of Vancouver, supported the groom. Afterwards a wedding dinner was served at the bride's home, and the happy couple left for a brief honeymoon tour of the Sound before returning to take up their residence in the East. Among the visiting guests were: Dr. and Mrs. James, of New Westminster; Mr. and Mrs. William Ritchie, of H. M. Daly, of Vancouver; Mr. Frank Springer, Miss Bonnie McClure and Miss Chase, of Vancouver.

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THE JAPANESE-KOREAN TREATY

EMPEROR DECLARES IT WAS OBTAINED BY FORCE

And that He Will Never Sign the Agreement in Its Present Form.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Homer B. Hurlbert, the special messenger from the Emperor of Korea, is in receipt of a cablegram from Korea in which the Emperor declares that the agreement between Korea and Japan is null and void because it was obtained by force. He also declares that he will never sign this agreement in its present form, and that the disturbances which attended the "outrage" of November 17th are likely to occur again.

Concerning the telegram Mr. Hurlbert said: "This is the first genuine word from Korea giving the real attitude of that government towards the treacherous act of the Japanese. For several weeks the Emperor was practically in confinement and Japan gave out the false statement that an amicable arrangement had been made. The agreement was made under duress and at the point of the sword, but the Emperor at last succeeded in piercing the cordon of Japanese lines and getting out information to America. I may add that the Emperor, anticipating some such act of bad faith on the part of Japan, tried through me to forestall it by an appeal to President Roosevelt. The object of my coming was surprised, and the coup in Seoul has hastened it, so that it occurred on the very day of my arrival here. The Emperor felt certain that if President Roosevelt could be made aware of his sentiments the American government would not hesitate to ask a few questions before accepting Japan's statements alone. The authorities in Washington were almost immediately notified that this petition was here, but no arrangements were made for its reception until after Japan's statement was accepted and acted upon.

The object of this cablegram is to disavow any acquiescence in the so-called agreement, and incidentally to call attention to that clause of the treaty between America and Korea, in which the United States definitely promises to use its good offices in case Korea is oppressed or wronged. The United States was in full treaty relations with Korea up to the time when, upon the representations of Japan alone, and apparently without consulting Korea, this government took the lead in cutting off direct diplomatic relations with Korea.

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CANADIAN NOTES.

Fatality in Stone Quarry—Tariff Commission at Edmonton.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 12.—Lavi Quirk, 27 years of age, foreman of a stone quarry, was instantly killed at the Toronto & Niagara power works at 1 o'clock yesterday. He was caught in the belt of a stone crusher run by a steam engine.

The Tariff.

Edmonton, Dec. 12.—The tariff commission opened its session here to-day and received deputations from the boards of trade of Edmonton and Strathcona, the Alberta Farmers' Association and the Canadian Society of Equity, and a general demand for free trade was made, but particularly in lumber, fruits and cotton goods. The commission concluded its work this afternoon.

Civic Elections.

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—In the Winnipeg civic elections, final returns show sharp elected by 1,100 majority. The following are elected aldermen: Cox, Davidson, Wynne, Campbell, McArthur.

Record Cargo.

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—The largest cargo of grain ever taken from the Canadian head of the lake went out this morning on the steamer Rogers, which carried 20,000 bushels.

House Destroyed.

Portage la Prairie, Dec. 12.—While the family was at church last night the residence of Geo. King, together with its contents, was destroyed by fire.

RAILWAY RATES.

Legislation Will Not Be Discussed in Congress Until After Holidays.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Railroad legislation will be allowed to rest until after the Christmas holidays, members of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce have agreed to take up and dispose of less important measures than those affecting rates before the recess. In the Senate there is also a disposition to let rate legislation slumber for the time being.

Will Investigate.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Exhaustive investigation of some of the railroads companies centering here has been decided upon by the local federal officials. Subpoenas have been issued for many railroad men and heads of large industrial concerns which have yearly shipments to appear before the federal grand jury, which has been summoned for December 12th.

Attorney-General Moody to-day sent a circular letter to all the United States district attorneys. In number, directing them to investigate the provisions of the Elkins act against rebates and discriminations of all kinds by carriers. The method of proceeding suggested is by way of indictment. It is the expectation that this letter will result in the prompt investigation of all complaints made of rebates by shippers, followed by indictments where the evidence warrants. The indictment in itself, it is stated, has investigated thoroughly all cases of discrimination brought to its attention. It has not facilities for a prompt investigation of the discriminatory practices all over the country, and it has been felt that these cases were of a nature that could be carefully investigated to the discretion of the district attorneys.

Alleged Rebates.

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—Subpoenas were served to-day by United States deputy marshals on a dozen persons who have been summoned by United States District Attorney Thompson to appear before the federal grand jury to-morrow and give testimony in the prosecutions to be brought against certain railroads and shippers for rebating.

Contributions aggregating \$2,000 were made to the Republican national committee in 1902, 1904 and 1906 by the Prudential Insurance Co. of America, according to a statement read by Counsel Hughes. The statement was read by Mr. Hughes during the examination of Senator Dryden.

THE LOCAL THEATRES.

Good Vaudeville Show at the Grand—Performance at the Watson—The Minstrels To-morrow.

Earl and Wilson in their musical comedy act at the Grand last evening succeeded in keeping the audience that filled the theatre to the doors in an uproar of laughter from the time Miss Wilson appeared on the stage till the curtain was rung down. Both are clever, but it is Miss Wilson who supplies the comedy in generous measure and he act received a hearty encore.

The Masquerade artists—three pretty girls who appear in an original Spanish street singing act, introducing mandolin and guitar playing, and dancing, Zaino, the miniature Hermann, appears in sleight-of-hand work performing a number of well known tricks and a few new ones, and the great Richards in his serpentine dancing and contortionist work produces some extremely beautiful color effects which never fail to excite the admiration of his audience.

The addition to the above of Miss Alice Wildamere as illustrated singer, who appeared before the Grand audience last night for the first time, ensures to the patrons of this popular theatre an all-round good performance, as those who have already heard Miss Wildamere will heartily endorse Manager Jameson's choice of a song illustrative.

The moving pictures, which conclude the performance, are entitled "The Scholar's Break" and the "Moonlight Dream," both very amusing, especially the latter, which is one of the best in that line ever seen at the Grand.

At the Watson. Watson's theatre held an enthusiastic audience last evening, and everyone went home more than satisfied with the company's production of "Brother Against Brother." There is plenty of humor and pathos in this fine old English melodrama, and any number of stirring situations and exciting climaxes. The play was presented for the matinee this afternoon, and the last performance will be given to-night, as the demand for seats has been very heavy.

Starting on Thursday night a most interesting double bill will be presented. A novelty in the shape of a little one-act military drama written by Albert J. Watson, entitled "The Desert," will be used as a curtain

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raiser, to be followed by a fine dramatization of Bertha M. Clay's celebrated novel of English life, "Dora Thorne." Nearly everyone has read Miss Clay's fascinating novel, and a great deal of interest has been aroused over this production. The management promises an attraction of far more than ordinary merit and capacity; business is sure to rule during the balance of the week at the Watson.

Next week the company will present the ever-favorite "Charlie's Aunt" and the famous English comedy "Our Boys," to be followed by the big holiday production of "Cinderella" and "Faust."

The Minstrels.

The singing contingent with Haverly's minstrel company which will play its annual engagement at the Victoria theatre to-morrow, numbers the season in its roster the best voices since its inception. The singers are all young with fresh musical voices and can be relied upon to please with all that is new in popular song hits. Among the soloists may be mentioned Wharton Boyer, a lyric tenor whose marvellous voice has created a positive fervor wherever the Haverly show has been presented; George T. Martin, a baritone whose top notes stamp him as the best in minstrelsy; Bruce Waldman, a tenor soloist with a happy faculty of delightfully rendering ballads; W. H. Parkerson, a comic opera basso who joins this minstrel show direct from one of Broadway's largest productions; and W. A. Wolfe, a bass with a pleasing voice. In addition the Haverly choir will sing all the latest medleys and harmonious song hits. In fact, the Haverly show this season contains more music and melody than most of the musical extravaganzas on the road.

WITHDRAWAL OF JAPS.

London, Dec. 12.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post asserts that it has been decided by the Japanese and Chinese commissioners who are conducting negotiations at Peking that Japan is to evacuate the Liaotung peninsula on the same date that Russia would have had to evacuate it.

It also has been decided, according to the correspondent, that the railroad from Changchun to Kirin will be transferred to China after a limited period.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Paul Maurice, the author and dramatist and literary executor of Victor Hugo, died in Paris on Monday.

Six children were burned to death at Lindsey, Pa., on Tuesday, and Wm. Morgan and wife, the parents with their two remaining children, barely escaped with their lives.

A monument, erected by popular subscription, was unveiled at Columbus, S. C., Tuesday, to the memory of S. D. Gonzales, editor of the State, who nearly three years ago was shot and killed by Lieut. Governor Tillman. The monument is in the case of Joe Bennett, the Grand River Indian sentenced to death for the murder of his paramour, Susan Jacoby. Bennett is to be hanged at Brantford on Friday.

A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger, Berlin, from Der-Es-Salam, German East Africa, says that Capt. Seyfried's detachment was surrounded on three sides by two thousand insurgents, who were led by the great Sotho hero, Hongo, were defeated. Hongo and several native leaders were killed. Several of the German soldiers were slightly wounded.

Mechanical inefficiency in nearly every detail of New York's fire protection system was declared to exist by Fire Chief Croker Tuesday, in a letter commenting on the recent report of the National Fire Underwriters to the effect that New York was in danger of a great conflagration. Mr. Croker stated that the city needs new fire apparatus, a new telegraph alarm system, a better water supply, modern hydrants, and more stringent rules governing the constructing of buildings and the handling of explosives.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria
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Victoria, Dec. 13, 3 a.m. The weather has been stormy on the Washington coast, elsewhere throughout the Pacific slope it is fair. Comparatively mild weather prevails in the interior of the province, and zero temperatures are reported in Manitoba.

Forecast.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday. Victoria and vicinity—Easterly winds, partly cloudy, with showers to-night or on Thursday. Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, fair to-day, with rain or sleet to-night or Thursday.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, 41; minimum, 40; wind, 6 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy. New Westminster—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 38; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, fair. Nanaimo—Wind, calm; weather, cloudy. Kamloops—Barometer, 29.88; temperature, 34; minimum, 32; wind, calm; weather, cloudy. Barkerville—Barometer, 29.78; temperature, 24; minimum, 24; wind, calm; weather, clear. San Francisco—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 49; minimum, 48; wind, 14 miles N. W.; weather, cloudy. Edmonton—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, 16; minimum, 16; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

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worthy feature of the decorations of the building was the

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arranged in the foyer before the legislative hall. These were afterwards bestowed upon the ladies of the visiting party. The corridors, galleries and museums of the building afforded ample room, not only for the suitable disposition of orchestra, refreshment tables, etc., but also for most agreeable private saunterings and colloquies.

The illustration of the provincial parliament buildings accompanying this narrative, conveys a general notion of their admirable proportions, style and surroundings. While the effect of mass and stateliness has been retained, that of monotony has been avoided, by separating the buildings at either end, and connecting them with a central building, by porte-cocheres and galleries.

Mr. F. M. Rattenbury, the architect, was at the time his design was selected as the result of an open competition, young and comparatively unknown. His work fully vindicates the decision of the judges in his favor. The astonishing fact that these buildings, including their interior fittings and furniture, was but \$1,000,000, indicates not only honesty, economy and loyalty on the part of everybody concerned, but also the perfection and thoroughness of the plans and specifications, and the consequent avoidance of those after thoughts and oversights, requiring changes of detail, which almost always enhance the estimated expense of such undertakings.

The Archipelago.

Monday, July 3rd, was devoted to an excursion, given by the Victoria Board of Trade, on the steamer Chatter, lying east of Vancouver Island, and including, among other places of historic interest the Island of San Juan.

so long in dispute between the United States and Canada, but now belonging to the former country. A curious result of this political change was seen from the deck of the steamer, namely, cement works upon the Island, the product of which, being American, enjoys in the important market of the Sandwich Islands a great commercial advantage over the Canadian works which formerly possessed that market. Professional considerations and reflections, however, played little part in the experiences of the day, which was given up to

Sentiment and Social Pleasure, inspired by glorious weather, superb scenery, complete physical comfort and the best company. The white crests of the Olympics, already familiar, yet never to be seen too often, bounded the view for a part of the time going and coming; and, after turning northward away from them, the steamer sailed among the wooded islands and over the clear green waters of the beautiful archipelago. Similar scenery of a grander scale awaited travellers on later stages of their long journey from Victoria up the coast; but that unknown future could not detract from the admiration with which this foretaste of its glories was appreciated.

The Tyee Mines and Smelter. On Tuesday, July 4th, the party were the guests of the Tyee Copper Company, the general manager of which, Mr. Clement Livingston, had arranged a double excursion to the company's mine and smelting works, respectively. A special train on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway conveyed all to Duncan's, forty miles from Victoria, where the visitors took the train for a drive of eleven miles further by rail to the Tyee smelter at Ladysmith. The line from Victoria to Duncan follows for some distance the precipitous coast of Vancouver Island, commanding a superb view from above of the sounds, inlets and islands, among which the happy voyage of the day before had been made.

The road from Duncan to the mine

passes for five miles through cleared land with numerous small farms, and then ascends for six miles through almost unbroken forest. Frequent wayside springs and streams, and a great variety of flowers in bloom tempted the tourist to walk and to linger; but they reached it good time.

The Mining Camp.

the buildings of which had been decorated in their honor, with flags and evergreens. A number of zealous mining engineers and geologists, driving through with special speed, had had time to see a good deal of the underground workings. The rest were contented with a briefer inspection.

A bountiful collation was served in the sawmill (near the mine shaft) which has been transformed by graceful adornment into a festal bower, where lunches and dinners concealed the rough walls and the dismantled saw frame. For the zeal and taste exhibited in this rustic decoration the ladies of the camp deserved and received much praise.

In honor of the day, a facsimile of the American Declaration of Independence, draped in the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes, hung behind the seat of Mr. Livingston, himself a descendant of one of the immortal "Signers," who presided and announced the first toast of the King Edward and President Roosevelt. To this sentiment a suitable response was made by Hon. A. E. Smith, United States consul at Victoria; and a toast to the American Institute of Mining Engineers was acknowledged by the secretary, after which Mr. E. V. D'Inville proposed the health of Mr. Livingston, Mr. E. C. Musgrave, superintendent of the mine, and their associates, which was drunk with cheers. The party then returned to their wagons and swiftly descended the mountain to the station at Somers, where the train, coming back from Ladysmith with the other excursion party, was boarded for the common return to Victoria.

The process of matte-smelting followed at these works was the subject of the paper by Mr. Kiddie, presented in oral abstract at the Victoria meeting, and to be hereafter published. From the analysis exhibited metallurgists could easily infer that the

Problem to be Solved was a peculiarly difficult one, namely, the smelting of an ore containing, with 4.08 of copper, and 19.49 of iron, 37.43 of barium sulphate, 7.36 of zinc and 13.48 of silica, while the success of the metallurgical solution of this problem was evident in the production of a slag containing only 6.4 per cent. of copper, 0.44 (out of an original 2.6) ounces of silver, and a trace (out of 0.13 ounces) of gold per ton.

After inspecting the works the visitors were introduced to Mrs. Kiddie in the grounds adjoining the manager's house, where, in a gaily decorated marquee on the lawn, a bountiful luncheon was served. Mr. Kiddie proposed the health of "The King and President Roosevelt," speaking in this connection of the death of ex-Secretary Hay, which had been deeply felt by the Britons as well as the Americans. Capt. R. W. Hunt responded in a felicitous speech. The mayor of Ladysmith, Mr. J. W. Coburn, then extended a civic welcome to the visitors, expressing the hope that the trip of this party of distinguished mining men might not be without benefit, both to themselves and to the sections they visited. After an appropriate song, "Ten Thousand Miles Away," by Gen. Charles F. Rowe, Major Charles E. Lydecker proposed a toast to the ladies. Col. E. G. Prior spoke eloquently of American and Canadian institutions, and the good feeling between Canada and the United States. Speeches and songs by Col. E. G. Prior and Mr. W. F. Robertson, on the part of the host, and Gen. Charles F. Rowe, Major C. E. Lydecker and Dr. Joseph Struthers, on the part of the guests, were followed by the enthusiastic re-echo of the toast in honor of Mr. Kiddie, and the Tyee Copper Company. At the latest practical moment, the festive party reluctantly resumed the special train for Victoria.

Entertainments and Receptions. After the session of Wednesday forenoon, July 5th, the provincial mineral museum, in a separate house in the parliament building, was visited under the guidance of Mr. W. J. Sutton. One of the most interesting exhibits in the museum was an elaborate glass model of the Highland mine at Ainsworth, in the West Kootenay district, contributed by Mr. Norman Mc Mitchell, the manager.

After the final session of Wednesday afternoon the unbroken series of delightful experiences vouchsafed to the representatives of the Institute in Victoria was duly crowned by a brilliant reception given on Wednesday evening at the Government House by Lieut.-Governor Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, at which the leading members of political and social circles of Victoria, including many charming ladies (already acquainted through their own cordial hospitality, with the ladies of the visiting party), co-operated with the genial Lieut.-Governor to signalize this cordial farewell. It must be said, however, that the genial Sir Henri scarcely needed any reinforcement. His impartial, universal, gallant courtesy type captured all hearts of both sexes, and it was not surprising to hear that both the political parties of the province had joined in the petition that, at the approaching close of his term, he should be re-appointed to his high office. Certainly no one could more winningly represent the province in the reception of guests from abroad. The Victoria Government House, designed by the young architect of the parliament buildings, to whom reference has been made, though not an immensely great and expensive palace, is a work of exceptional genius, perfectly adapted to its site and purpose, and its spacious halls, saloons and corridors, together with its magnificent outlook, over the sparkling waters of the straits to the white summits of the Olympic range, made it a fitting climax and summary for the guests of this occasion, of their memorable visit to Victoria.

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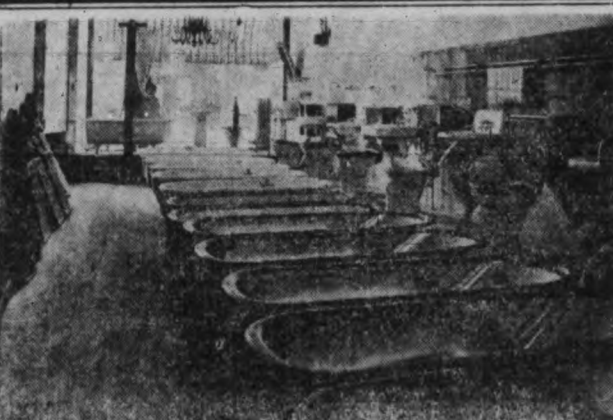
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THE DRAWINGS CONTROVERSY.

It has been announced on authority that, no matter what the decision of the Royal Commission which tomorrow commences an investigation of the drawing book controversy may be, the decision of the school board to relieve Miss Cameron of her duties as principal of the South Park School must stand. In a word, the board has put its hand to the plough, and it absolutely refuses to turn back. It cannot maintain its dignity if it consents to suspend its judgment until the Royal Commissioner has pronounced his opinion respecting the position of the various parties to the controversy. The work of the schools must go on. It cannot go on effectively unless a new principal be appointed. Consequently at the meeting of the board to be held this evening a new head master of the South Park School will be appointed. Our understanding of the matter was that the High Commission was appointed on the petition of the Victoria Board of School Trustees for the special purpose of inquiring into the circumstances of the specific case of the drawing papers of the South Park School, although the pupils of that school were not the only ones who are alleged to have transgressed the rules specially made by the department for the government of examinations. It was in order to satisfy the public that the board was justified in dismissing Miss Cameron that the investigation was called for. At least that is the interpretation we put upon the resolution passed. But it appears from later developments that the department entirely ignores the school board in the matter. The department is acting entirely without reference to the relationship of Miss Cameron to the school board. On the findings of the commissioner it is, therefore, precluded the department will act. Thus it appears that the offending teacher has not been adequately punished in the loss of her position. She is being attacked from the rear as well as in front. What is the object of the investigation if it is not to pronounce upon the merits of the case as between teacher and board? Is Miss Cameron not only to be pronounced an outcast pedagogic in the circles in which she has moved all her life, but is her certificate threatened as well? It would perhaps be just as well if the fact could be made clear that vindictiveness and malice are not lurking somewhere behind the actual sources of all this scholastic turmoil, this alleged "tempest in a teapot," this "cause célèbre" of notoriety, in which persons of broad and independent minds discern that there is "much to do about nothing." Our opinion is that the Victoria School Board would be well advised, and would abate not a jot of its dignity or its reputation for steadfastness of purpose if it moved slowly in this matter.

AN ANOMALY.

John Burns, the labor member of parliament, is also the labor member of the new British government, with a salary of ten thousand dollars a year. Up to the time of his appointment on the administration of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Mr. Burns was supposed to give his services to his country gratuitously. How

he managed to work for nothing and keep his family passes comprehension. It cannot be assumed that the new head of the Local Government Board when he was a mere private member of parliament had accumulated a competency at his business as a dock laborer, or whatever his business may have been, or he would scarcely have been considered eligible to represent labor in parliament. Therefore the question must be asked, how did Mr. Burns live? He travelled extensively—more extensively than nine-tenths of the men who are denied the right of considering themselves working men. He had just completed a tour of this continent when he was called upon to become an adviser of His Majesty the King. That in itself must have been an expensive trip, as Mr. Burns travelled in very good style, in a manner entirely in harmony with his position as a legislator. Therefore, we are constrained to ask, in the words to which we have become accustomed in this country, where did the money come from? We understand that there is a fund collected from private sources, upon which the representatives of labor interests in the imperial parliament are permitted to draw. In order that they may be capable of maintaining their independence. We believe there is a similar fund, created in a similar manner, upon which the Irish members depend for their subsistence. It is for the reason that there is such a fund and that such a fund is an absolute necessity under the legislative system which obtains in Great Britain that we draw particular attention to the case of Mr. Burns. As the representation of labor in the imperial parliament is increasing at each parliamentary term, as it is estimated by labor men that there will be considerable additions to labor representation in the new House of Commons which must shortly be elected, we ask whether in justice to the parties who are compelled to specially tax themselves if they desire representation at all, it is not high time that provision should be made for the payment of members of the Imperial House? The system which prevails in Canada and other dependencies has been criticised by a class of persons who deliberately shut their eyes to the tendencies of the times. And yet does not the specific case of Mr. Burns demonstrate unmistakably that it is the only just and equitable method? We are very much mistaken if the subject does not become a live topic of discussion in the new parliament. And it is quite evident that justice cannot be done—all classes who are entitled to representation without voluntarily taxing themselves until the imperial parliament follows the example of colonial legislatures.

NOT APPLICABLE TO BRITISH COLUMBIA.

John D. Rockefeller has been relieving his mind again by giving the people who contribute so handsomely to his support and comfort good advice. Now the pictures we have seen of the Oil King do not convey the impression that he is blessed with robust health and is therefore always in a condition of mind from which the fullest enjoyment of his great wealth can be derived. But in the case of Mr. Rockefeller appearances may be deceitful. He plays golf in the seasons when the weather will seem to be played in the East, so that it is possible John D. is exercising more enjoyment from animal life than appearances would indicate. If you would buy a good time you must keep on good terms with your stomach, we infer from the advice of Mr. Rockefeller, and if you desire to keep on really good terms with "Little Mary," as J. M. Barrie, the humorist, calls the stomach, you must treat it with consideration. You must supply it with the food it can assimilate without inflating cramps and spasms upon allied organs. "Eat cheese, twice a day, chew your food well, and do not worry." That is the advice of the Oil King. It is easily followed up to a certain point. It would be easy for us all to follow, perhaps, if we are situated as the proprietor of Standard Oil is situated. But unfortunately we are not. If we were all in positions to command incomes of a million dollars or so a week, perhaps a trifle less than a million a week, most of us could contrive to go through life without worrying. We could command sufficient credit at the grocery to eat cheese twice a day, and we might have sufficient time on our hands to permit us to chew our food well. But we are not all in command of princely salaries, and there are little things to cause us worry and irritation, seeing that we are not all millionaire philosophers. For instance, if Mr. Rockefeller were to receive an official notice conveying the startling information that his taxes for the ensuing year, from one taxing department alone, would amount to a sum approximating a fifty-second of his total income from all sources, we suspect he might in a moment of irritation or worry bolt a portion of his daily allotment of cheese. That would have a bad effect upon his stomach and would assuredly spoil his enjoyment for one day. It might cost some community a church, or something of that kind. But then, Mr. Rockefeller does not live in British Columbia. He simply sells his goods here and escapes all forms of direct taxation.

The painful case that occupied the attention of Cosmo Hart yesterday forcibly illustrated the necessity of Parliament taking some action with

respect to the sale of patent nostrums containing poison. Soothing syrups, colic remedies, headache tablets, and all the remedies which are guaranteed to give prompt relief in the cases of ailments which really require treatment in consonance with their obvious causes, doubtless contain stupefying drugs. Great harm may be done, and we doubt not is done, by reckless resort to such agents of speedy "relief." It has been demonstrated that life itself may be endangered by permitting the free use of such drugs to persons who are ignorant of their properties. Our legislators should make a note of the observation of the coroner that "it is an anomaly of our laws that a mixture of this kind, which is positively dangerous, may be dispensed, while the law is so strict about poisons." And, having made a note, they should act.

M. de Witte is trying to govern Russia, at present, without resort to coercion. If mild methods prove ineffective, the dogs of coercion will be unleashed. Then we wonder what will happen. Under present circumstances it is clear to us that Russia is a fine country to keep away from. What will the conditions be when the iron hand grasps the sword and proceeds to drive the truth into the hard head of the aspiring citizen that his aspirations are untimely and his dreams a figment upon which responsible government cannot exist?

The head of an American university has delivered himself of the oracular opinion that football as played by student eleven breeds "kindly restraint." Twenty players have been killed during the football season by other players who have kept themselves under "gentle restraint." Try to estimate how many would have been put out of business permanently if the demonstrators of the science of football had played the game with strenuousness.

What Other People Think

WOMEN'S COUNCIL CRITICIZED.

To the Editor:—"Hang a man first and try him afterwards." This reminds me, with the conditions involved, of the proceedings of the National Council of Women yesterday. While the city waits with bated breath to learn from the government investigation, which opens tomorrow, what heinous crime Miss Cameron was guilty of to warrant her dismissal, and in the face of a petition of over 1,000 signatures, each of which is a condemnation of Mrs. Trustee Jenkins' action in the matter, the Council of Women, of effect says: "Mrs. Jenkins, our representative on the school board, was quite right in helping to deprive a sister woman, and one who is respected by 99-100 of the people of Victoria, of her means of livelihood. We really do not want to know anything about the justice of the matter. Our representative must be upheld at any cost, even if the resolutions in her favor be passed during the morning session, when the majority of the delegates were absent." Long life to the Council of Women, for wisdom will surely die with them.

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"Owing to the absence of my comrades still working at Kluks point, I do not feel that the expedition is completed," was the reason given by Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the North-west passage, for declining a multitude of invitations from Dawson residents to visit that city. Says a dispatch from Dawson, "Capt. Amundsen had received telegrams from Governor McInnes, T. T. Pattullo, consul for Norway and Sweden, Major Cuthbert, the Yukon Polar Institute, Dr. Alfred Thompson, M. P., president, and privately by Dr. Varile, head of the Yukon polar expedition."

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JUDGMENT HAS BEEN RESERVED

(Continued from page 1.)

To-Day's Proceedings.

Upon Resuming the case this morning Mr. Peters continued his address. Reading from Mr. Lubbe's evidence he showed that it was contended that the Esquimalt Water Works Company's waters gathered practically all the water.

Mr. Peters contended that if the Esquimalt company had such an interest in the water of Goldstream as to require compensation if the city interfered with that supply, then to allow the city to come in under the Water Clauses Act and get water amounted to a confiscation of the company's interest. The company by establishing reservoirs got a right not only to the water in the reservoirs, but the flow of the water, which was the only value which attached. The act treated an interest in the water to be also an interest in the flow.

The only course the city could pursue under the act to obtain that water and flow was by compensating the Esquimalt company. The demands of the Esquimalt peninsula might become sufficient to take all the water at Goldstream. If Esquimalt harbor became of commercial value, which was not beyond the range of possibility, there would be a greatly-increased demand for water.

If the water were taken by the city the value of the stream would have to be paid for. The full value of the stream would have to be paid for. Given an interest in the waters at Goldstream, which would call for compensation if taken away, the Water Clauses Act could not take away the right unless the language were clear and explicit to that effect.

Even leaving the decision of whether this interest should be left to a third party, the gold commissioner, it was an interference with the company's rights in so far as a risk was entailed. The power given under the Water Clauses Act by which the Lieut-Governor-in-Council might reserve certain streams for water works purposes alone did not apply to a case like this where an absolute interest was given the company in this water.

The company went to Goldstream for a definite purpose, to secure a water supply. Theis lake had a defect inasmuch as the water had to be pumped. For this reason the company went to Goldstream to get a water supply. At that time there was no contract with any power company. The company had not existed previous to the passing of the act. The act was to be regarded as changing the existing law and not to declare that the conditions created had always been in force.

It could not be said that the water at Goldstream was not being used for a beneficial purpose, because it was not piped away. By being held ready to carry out an obligation the water was being used for a beneficial purpose. The flow of water had been created. It was, therefore, not being used for the storing of water for water works purposes was different to other cases

before the amount of water required could not be foretold. The supply was an ever increasing supply. By the provisions of the act a record of water for water works purposes was not to be lost by non-use. This was a recognition of the fact that the demand was likely to be an ever increasing one. The same right was plainly in the Esquimalt Water Works Act.

Mr. Peters held that the city was not entitled to an interim record. His Lordship pointed out that an application was made for an injunction. These were waters which gathered below Cabin pond, and which were not appropriated. If there was any right for going before the commissioner, who might have power to put restrictions on the record, subject to the company's rights, an injunction could not be granted.

Mr. Peters held that what was sought was a declaration of rights. The watershed below Cabin pond was, according to the evidence, incapable of lending itself to reservoir purposes. A part of the water from there was by seepage from the company's ditch.

E. V. Bodwell, K. C., replying, took exception to the scope of vested rights which Mr. Peters applied to the term. He thought also that the company was confined in supplying water to those living along the pipe line. His Lordship said he was somewhat impressed with the argument of Mr. Peters that the district about Goldstream might be served.

His Lordship, on the conclusion of the argument, expressed the view that it was a difficult case, and thanked counsel on both sides for the assistance rendered.

He reserved judgment, and adjourned court until 2.30, when the case against the Victoria Power Company will likely be proceeded with.

ANNUAL GATHERING

Of Sons and Daughters of England at A. O. U. W. Hall Last Evening.

Last evening the thirteenth annual gathering of the Sons and Daughters of England was held at the A. O. U. W. hall. A large number of ladies and gentlemen sat down to an excellent dinner, prepared by the proprietor of the German Kitchen. The room was appropriately decorated and the viands were all that could be desired.

After the good things had been enjoyed, the chairman, Arthur Lee, who was flanked by Bro. Critchley, past supreme grand representative, and Bro. W. P. Allen, president of Alexandra lodge, expressed pleasure at seeing so many present on such an auspicious occasion. The aims and objects of the society, he said, commended themselves to all true Englishmen. It had been formed in order to bring together natives of the old land into a society, and also for the purpose of working for the good of those directly identified with the organization and humanity in general.

Continuing, he said: "We have about twenty thousand belonging to our order in Canada and Newfoundland. We have long been accomplished in our society what was contemplated by the British North American Act."

"We have disbursed over a million dollars in sick and funeral benefits since organization, and our membership is increasing very rapidly. And, above all, we believe in true, intelligent loyalty. "There are many citizens who never trouble themselves about the character or capacity of the reigning monarch, but are always ready and generally the wadest to shoot. 'Long live the King.' They have sworn allegiance to 'the

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Bro. T. Oliver contributed a song and Bro. Critchley delivered an interesting address. A song by Bro. Thompson, a concertina selection by Bro. T. Oliver, and a vocal selection by Mrs. Thompson brought the programme to a conclusion.

PERSONAL

J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, and Mr. Logan, the Dominion live stock expert, left for New Westminster last night to attend a meeting of the Provincial Dairyman's Association this afternoon. Tomorrow they will attend a Farmer's Institute at Central Park, and on Friday a meeting at North Vancouver.

H. B. Mackenzie, manager of the local Bank of B. N. A., returned recently from Hedy, Similkameen district, where he inspected the branch established at that point. When Mr. Mackenzie went through the district the ground was covered with snow.

Among the guests at the King Edward hotel are the following: Geo. H. Mowbray, Cowichan; V. A. G. Elliot, Duncan; A. J. Metcalf, Omaha; John Prentice and W. H. Lewis, Vancouver; James Fowler, Seattle; L. E. Lacombe, Montreal.

J. A. Crow, C. E. Race, W. G. Breeze and R. Bowman, of Vancouver; David Gilmore, of Seattle; L. P. Swayne and wife, of San Diego, Cal.; and A. Ben Marshall, of New York, are staying at the Driford hotel.

J. S. Allinder, Baltimore, Md.; James Beveridge, Clarence De Platts, E. Foreman and James McDowd, Vancouver; A. J. Metcalf, Omaha, are in the city. They are staying at the King Edward hotel.

F. A. Wood, of Seattle; N. A. Gray, of St. Paul, Minn.; A. E. H. Lowe, of Vancouver; J. W. Scott, of Winnipeg; and Fred. Hall, of Valdez Island, are in the city. They are guests at the Dominion hotel.

Miss Blanche Bond, of Vancouver, has been ill in St. Joseph's hospital for the past week.

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Royal Commission of Inquiry Into Drawing Marks Trouble.

The royal commission appointed to investigate the drawing marks trouble will resume its labors in the County court chamber to-morrow morning. His Honor Judge Lampman presiding. It will be remembered that the commission adjourned last Thursday pending a decision by the commissioner as to the procedure to be adopted. It is expected that the department of education will present its side of the case first, after which Miss Cameron's counsel will take a hand in the production of evidence.

The school board will meet this evening in the council chamber, and among the questions to come up will be the selection of a successor to Miss Cameron as principal of South Park school. It is also certain that the petition in favor of her reinstatement, which has been largely signed, will also be considered.

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this type of marine propulsion at the
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sition recently closed at Portland. This
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ment is unnecessary, but Hutchison
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—This evening a meeting of the
Spring Ridge Municipal Association
will be held in the Odd Fellows' hall,
when a number of matters of vital in-
terest to the residents of that district
will come up for discussion. Invita-
tions have been extended the ad-
dressers who have represented the North
Ward on the council during the past
year, and it is understood they have
been accepted. A number of interest-
ing addresses therefore are expected.

—This evening a session of the Y.
M. C. A. mock parliament will be held
at the rooms, Broad street. It is un-
derstood that the third reading of the
bill for the amendment of the Munici-
pal Clauses Act will be completed.
The opposition leader intends impeding
this operation as much as possible in
the hope of securing certain changes
which he believes necessary. Of course
the government will stand by its
measure to the last, and, consequently,
a warm debate is promised. There are
a number of other questions coming
up for consideration, H. F. Pullen hav-
ing moved for the introduction of total
prohibition. In amendment the gov-
ernment has put itself on record as in
favor of the Gathenburg system. This
also will probably come up, in which
an interesting discussion is assured. A
full attendance of members is expect-
ed.

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—The remains of James Tallard were
interred at Ross Bay cemetery yester-
day afternoon. The funeral of Alex.
Nelson also took place yesterday.
Services were conducted by Rev. R. J.
McIntyre.

—In the police court this morning the
case of a Chinaman charged with as-
saulting a little Chinese girl was re-
manded until to-morrow morning. A
drunk was the only other offender.

—Secretary A. St. G. Flint, of Vic-
toria No. 2 Building Society, an-
nounces that the eighth drawing for
an appropriation will be held at No.
15 Trounce avenue on Thursday, De-
cember 21st, at 8 p.m.

—D. H. Bale is commencing the con-
struction of four very modern bunga-
lows, one for Capt. St. Clare on Third
street, one on Clarence street for Mrs.
A. Schroeder, one on St. Turner
street for Thos. Clark and one on Su-
perior street for Chas. Ireland.

—There was a large attendance at
the sale of work and concert held last
evening at the Congregational church.
The ladies in charge disposed of a con-
siderable quantity of fancy wares, the
bazaar being exceedingly well patron-
ized. The music was all that could be
desired, and those present spent a
most pleasant time.

—The remains of James Benkelly Col-
bert have been removed to the parlors
of the B. C. Funeral Home, 100 Doug-
las street. They will remain there until the
return of deceased's father, J. Colbert,
from the West Coast. The arrange-
ments for the funeral, which will take
place from the family residence, Stan-
ley avenue, will then be announced.

—A Chinese friend has been mak-
ing some good bags of late in the vicin-
ity of Oak Bay Junction and Cadboro
Bay road. Game has been pretty plen-
tiful there and John seems to be enjoy-
ing the exclusive privileges of the pre-
serve. A couple of days ago he nearly
"potted" a boy who happened to be
strolling through the grounds.

—Yesterday afternoon Quarantine
Officer Wilkerson, acting under in-
structions from Thomas Cunningham,
provincial inspector of fruit, pre-
sented a box of all the stores handling
Japanese oranges and condemned most
of the fruit. They are infected with a
kind of scale which the authorities re-
gard as serious enough to compel the
quarantining of the different lots.

—Yesterday afternoon the remains
of Mrs. Jane Harriet Waller were laid
at rest. The funeral took place from
the family residence, Smythe street, at
1:30 o'clock, and a few minutes later at
the Victoria West Methodist church.
Impressive services were conducted
by Rev. R. J. McIntyre, assisted by
Rev. J. P. Hicks. The choir was in
attendance, and a number of appro-
priate hymns were rendered. There
were many beautiful floral tributes.
The following acted as pallbearers:
Capt. Newby, J. Weston, A. Wilson, S.
M. O'Neil, F. Willis and T. Luscombe.

—Yesterday afternoon at the Na-
naimo hospital the death occurred of
J. H. McMillan, a well known resident
of the Coal City. He was a native of
Glengarry, Ont., and was 67 years of
age. About thirty years ago he came
to British Columbia, and for some time
was a resident of Vancouver, moving
from there to Nanaimo. He leaves a
widow, two sons and three daughters.
At the same hospital yesterday Wm.
Morris passed away. He was 82 years
of age and was well known throughout
Nanaimo and district, having been in
business in Northfield, Nanaimo, Ex-
ton and Ladysmith.

—R. Marpole, general superintend-
ant of the Pacific division of the C. P.
R., returned on Sunday from Winni-
peg, where he went in connection with
the appropriations for British Colum-
bia next year, says the Vancouver
News-Advertiser. "Just what im-
provements will be carried out, he is
not in a position to say until the head
office has approved of what will be
submitted. The expenditure will
amount to hundreds of thousands," Mr.
Marpole remarked, "and extensive im-
provements will be carried out in con-
nection with the company's operations
in this province and on the coast.
When the appropriations are made,
some time early in the year, announce-
ments may then be made of the work
contemplated."

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It is understood that at the begin-
ning of the new year the Nippon
Yusen Kaisha will put on a fortnight-
ly service to Victoria and Seattle. This
is as it was before the war, since
which only the Iyo and Kanagawa have
been running on the route, giving a
monthly connection. Now, however,
as the war is over, the Japanese gov-
ernment no longer requires the ships
that had been impressed for trans-
port purposes, and the Shinano and
Kaga are again available for com-
mercial pursuits. It is not known defi-
nitely that these ships will return to
the Victoria and Seattle service, but
it is fully expected here that they will.

A dispatch from Nagasaki says:
"The Nippon Yusen Kaisha, in consul-
tation with the government authori-
ties, has been considering measures
for the development of its various
lines now that the war is over, says
the press. The company does not in-
tend establishing new lines, but pro-
poses more frequent services on the
European, Bombay, Seattle and Aus-
tralian lines with vessels of larger
tonnage than those in use before the
war. The coasting trade will not re-
ceive particular attention, but the
company will extend its services to
China, Korea and Vladivostok. As
the war has been going on, the com-
pany will be required for new steam-
ers, etc. It is proposed to use a por-
tion of the reserves which now amount
to 10,000,000 yen."

The Iyo Maru sailed from this port
outward bound, yesterday evening.
She had 7,238 tons of general cargo, in-
cluding 150,000 sacks of flour, consigned
to Japanese ports, and 1,500 bales
of cotton. Several locomotives, box
cars, passenger coaches, steel rails,
railroad supplies of all kinds, struc-
tural iron, bridge timbers, pig lead,
fertilizer, meat, paper, provisions,
clothing and other miscellaneous ma-
terial form the remainder of her load.
Among the passengers leaving on the
Iyo Maru was Rear-Admiral S. M.
Suzuki, one of Japan's foremost sur-
geons, who has been attending the
American Military Surgeon's Associa-
tion in Detroit. Admiral Suzuki was
the man who insisted on the men of
the navy taking a bath and clothing
themselves in white before going into
action.

FLOODED CABINS.

The voyage of the steamer Tees from
northern British Columbia ports, com-
pleted last evening, was the stormiest
she has had in four years. This was
the statement of one of the crew of the
ship this morning. In crossing from
Skidegate to Kitkatlah on the 7th inst.,
the vessel met very heavy weather,
and from 4:30 o'clock in the morning
until 2 o'clock in the afternoon con-
tended against seas of unusual height.
They covered the deck of the steamer
and kept everything anyway loose
thereon swimming. They broke in
through the windows of the cabins on
deck, surged up under doors and
swished about on the floors, making
things very disagreeable for the crew.
At times there was six inches of water
in the cabins, but the Tees never stop-
ped. She pushed on through the storm
and made shelter in safety.

The Tees brought little news from
the northern coast. At the mouth of
the Skeena considerable float ice was
seen. One thousand cases of salmon
were brought south. Among the pas-
sengers were Messrs. W. Sloan, M. P.,
and Decker, who have been over to
Quatsino, Mys. Burtz and Mr. Heron.

THE WILLIE MCGOWAN.

Sealers who remember the schooner
Willie McGowan, which was seized by
the Russians several years ago, will
be interested in learning that the ves-
sel is now a patrol boat at Vladivostok.
She was seen and recognized by a
Victoria sealer last year. This sealer
informs the Times that the schooner is
now equipped with steam power, and
is engaged in the revenue service of
the Russian government in patrolling
Behring Sea and Copper Islands. When
he saw her and was in port taking
shelter from the Jap ships supposed to
be in the vicinity.

REACHES HALIFAX.

Capt. S. Balcom received a dispatch
from Halifax to-day announcing the
arrival at that port of the schooner
Agnes Donohue, the sealer which "was
seized by the Uruguayans and taken to
Montevideo eight or nine months
ago. The vessel, it will be remember-
ed, was released through the interven-
tion of the Dominion and Imperial
governments. Capt. Matt Ryan, who
was made a prisoner during the de-
tention of the schooner, commanded the
vessel on her return to the Nova
Scotian port.

—Before leaving Nanaimo the three
Scotch lasses who assisted J. J. Cowie
in demonstrating the improved meth-
ods of herring curing were present-
ed with valuable souvenirs. A. R.
Johnston, of that city, presented each
with a gold brooch with a maple leaf
design.

—The first formal step in connection
with the approaching municipal elec-
tions will be taken at the next regular
meeting of the city council. Ald. Stev-
er has a notice of motion on the city
hall bulletin board providing that the
nominations be held on January 15th
and the elections on the following
Thursday. This is merely a matter of
form, as the day of nomination and
polling are fixed by the Municipal
Elections Act. Polling for the mayor-
alty and school trustees will take place
in the police court room, and for the
aldermen in the market building. This
suggests the advisability of household-
ers availing themselves of the opportu-
nity to enroll themselves on the

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DESCRIPTION OF NEW DISCOVERIES

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
ISSUES A PAMPHLET

Prepared by R. G. McConnell Who Inspected Windy Arm District a Short Time Ago.

"Recent Mineral Discoveries on Windy Arm, Tagish Lake, Yukon," is the title of a pamphlet issued by the geological survey of Canada, which will undoubtedly be read with great interest. The article, which has already been briefly mentioned in the Times, was prepared by R. G. McConnell, B. A., who inspected the district on his way back from the White River country in September last. The report says:

Situation and Communications.

The principal ore deposits so far discovered occur on the west side of Windy Arm, a southerly branch of Lake Tagish. Tagish Lake forms part of a chain of long narrow lakes including, in order from north to south, Lakes Lindeman, Bennett, Nares, Tagish and Marsh, which commence well within the coast range of mountains and extend northward and eastward for a distance of nearly seventy miles. The general direction of all these lakes is north and south, with the exception of Lake Nares and the upper part of Tagish Lake, which have an east and west alignment. Windy Arm joins Tagish Lake near its head and extends south for a distance of twelve miles. Its course is nearly parallel to that of Bennett Lake and the two sheets of water inclose an area of high mountainous country about eight miles in width, the scene of the principal recent discoveries.

The White Pass & Yukon railway affords easy communication to the new mining district. This line, after crossing the coast range, follows the east shore of Bennett Lake to Caribou Crossing, at the foot of the lake, from which point steamers run to Conrad City, on Windy Arm, the shipping point of the mines. The total distance from tide water at Skagway, to Conrad City, is 79 miles, of which 67.5 miles is made at present by rail, and 11.5 miles by water. A railway can easily be built from Caribou Crossing along the shores of Lake Nares, Tagish Lake and Windy Arm to Conrad City, and surveys for one have already been made by the engineers of the White Pass & Yukon railway. A second route from Log Cabin station, on the main line of the White Pass & Yukon railway, above Bennett Lake, by way of Tutchi Lake to Windy Arm, has also been proposed. The distance to tide water would be reduced considerably by this route, but the mileage of new line necessary would be greater.

Character of Country.

The country bordering the north-eastern slope of the coast range, including the Windy Arm mining district, may be characterized generally as consisting of a system of wide valleys, often interlocking in a peculiar manner, separated by mountain groups and ridges rising from 4,000 to 5,000 feet above the valley flats. Most of the valleys are bottomed at intervals with long, narrow, deep lakes, due to the blocking of the channel at various points with glacial drift. The uplands are usually fairly regular in outline, but in places are exceedingly rugged and are often deeply incised by the numerous small streams which flow down their sides.

The forest growth is sparse and is confined to the valley flats and lower slopes of the mountains. At an elevation of 2,000 feet above the valley bottom the forest practically ceases. The principal trees in the district are the white and black spruces, the aspen, the balsam poplar, the balsam fir and the black pine. The supply of rough lumber within easy distance of the camp suitable for ordinary mining purposes is ample for some years at least.

Geology.

The mineralized area on Windy Arm is situated a few miles north of the great granite area of the coast range. The rocks outcropping along the lower part of Windy Arm consist of a wide band of crystalline limestone, followed, going south, by hard slates and shales passing in places into foldable quartzites and associated with

dark and gray cherts and red jaspers. This crystalline series is cut off and replaced about five miles above the Arm by an eruptive rock of a porphyritic character, exposures of which outcrop along the shores of the Arm for a distance of about five miles. The porphyrite is followed, going southward, by strongly cleaved dark argillites and fine-grained tuffaceous sandstones alternating with bands of conglomerates and limestone. These rocks are less altered than the slates and associated rocks north of the porphyrite area but no data sufficient to determine the age were obtained. They are cut off a few miles south of Windy Arm by the great granite mass of the coast range.

The porphyritic rock separating the two series of elastic rocks constitutes the principal metalliferous formation of the district. It crosses from Windy Arm to Bennett Lake in a band about four miles in width and also extends some distance east of Windy Arm. It has not been studied in detail, but is evidently somewhat complex in character. A fine-grained somewhat altered specimen collected near the Montana vein has the character of a porphyrite, while one from Red Deer Mountain proved to be a gabbro. The two types may represent portions of the same magma cooled at different depths. The principal structural feature of the porphyrite-gabbro area is the system of systems of strong jointage planes that intersect it everywhere. The joints, like the veins, show little parallelism in either dip or strike in different parts of the area. The porphyrite in many places is heavily charged with iron and weathers to a rusty color.

A granite area about three miles in width occurs on Lake Bennett north of the porphyrites and associated rocks. The granite is separated from the latter on the lake shore by a narrow band of slates and limestones, but, further inland, comes in contact with them. It is a medium grained, gray rock similar to the coast range granites and probably belonging to the same period of igneous activity.

General Character of Veins.

The largest and most persistent veins so far discovered occur in the porphyrite area. They are not, however, confined to this formation, a few occurring in the granite and some, also, in the slates. The veins assume typical clean-cut fissures with regular walls often slickensided and grooved. They are comparatively narrow but as a rule exhibit remarkable persistency in strike. The Uranus vein, with a width of from one to four feet, has been traced by small openings and surface showings for a distance of about 1,500 feet and may extend much farther, while the Montana vein, with a maximum width of five feet in the portion explored, has apparently been cut at a distance of 1,000 feet from the main workings and may also of course be very much longer. The Venus No. 2 lead (the largest seen by the writer) has a width of nine feet at two openings about 400 feet apart, and must extend for long distances in both directions. Numerous other veins such as the M. and M., the Joe Petty and Venus No. 1 are traceable by surface outcrops for several hundred feet. Portions of all these veins are concealed by slide rocks and their full length was not ascertained.

The dip and strike of the veins are exceedingly irregular. The Montana vein strikes N. 42 W., while the direction of Venus No. 2 is about N. 42 E. The M. and M. strikes nearly north and south. The dips are nearly all to the south and west and vary in steepness from 12 degrees in the Montana to 50 degrees in Venus No. 1.

The gangue in all the veins is mainly quartz. Single and multiple lines of interlocking quartz crystals is a constant feature. In a few instances, portions of the vein-filling consist of alternating layers of quartz and country rock. The latter, in such cases, is always heavily mineralized, usually with iron, and weathers to a rusty color.

The list of metallic minerals contained in the veins as identified in the field, and in the laboratory of the survey from specimens brought back by the writer includes the following:

Native Silver.—Occurs in small spangles and in wire form in the Montana and Uranus veins.

Argentite.—Is found in some of the veins but is not abundant.

Stephanite.—Occurs in several of the veins and is an important source of silver.

Freibergite.—A dark, highly argenteous mineral occurring in some abundance in the Joe Petty, Montana, and some of the other claims has been referred tentatively to this species. A partial analysis by Mr. Connor showed it to contain copper, silver, zinc, arsenic, iron, sulphur and antimony, the constituents of Freibergite. The copper percentage in the specimen examined amounted to 9 per cent, and the silver to 37 per cent.

Pyrrhotite (Ruby Silver).—This rich silver mineral occurs in most of the veins, sometimes in considerable quantity.

Galena.—This mineral occurs in all the veins and is usually highly argenteous.

Tetrahedrite.—Argentiferous tetrahedrite occurs in small quantities in the Montana, M. and M., and probably in other claims.

Chalcopryite.—Occurs in the Silver Cliff and other claims east of Windy Arm.

Native Copper.—Occurs in the Miller, Fedora and other claims east of Windy Arm.

Malachite and Azurite.—Green and blue incrustations and stains referable to the copper carbonates and due to the leaching out of the copper in the tetrahedrite and Freibergite occur in most of the veins.

Specimens of a green mineral stated to be a silver chloride proved on examination to be a copper carbonate.

It is possible that such a chloride is present in some of the veins but it could not be detected in the specimens examined.

Iron Pyrite.—Common in all the veins.

Arsenopyrite.—Occurs in a number of the veins but is usually subordinate in quantity to the iron pyrite.

Sphalerite.—Zinc-blende occurs sparingly in most of the veins examined.

Mining Development.—

Montana.—This important vein is situated on a break hillside about 3,700 feet above Windy Arm and 5,800 feet above sea level. An aerial tramway, four miles in length, connecting it with Conrad City, on the lake shore, was nearly completed at the time of my visit. At present, all supplies and materials for the mine, including firewood, are packed on horses.

The principal workings consist of a drift 150 feet in length. The drift pierces 50 feet of slide rock, then meets and follows the vein. A small fault, with a displacement of seven, was encountered at one point. The strike of the vein is N. 42 W., and the dip 12 to 15 to the S. W. The width of the vein increases from about two feet near the mouth of the drift to nearly five feet at the face. Some stoping has been done and a considerable quantity of ore has been shipped.

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180 per ton and over. The leaner portion of the vein will require concentration.

The principal values in the vein are silver. The ferruginous portion of the vein is stated to also carry some values in gold.

At the time of my visit a second drift, intended to cut the Montana vein at a distance of 1,500 feet in a north-westerly direction from the main workings, was being driven, mostly through slide rock. The two workings are connected by a line of float ore and in places where the surface is bare outcroppings; the management were confident that the vein extended at least that far. Since leaving the camp the vein for a vein stated to resemble the Montana vein in general character is reported to have been struck.

Uranus.—The Uranus vein is situated just above the forks of Pooey Creek, a small stream tributary to Windy Arm. It is distant from the Montana vein about a mile in a southerly direction, and from the lake about a mile and a half. The elevation above the lake is approximately 2,000 feet. The Uranus vein is traceable by numerous surface outcrops in a direction a few degrees east of south from the north to the south branch of Pooey Creek, a distance of about 1,500 feet. The vein crosses a high ridge separating the two creeks and is thus exposed naturally in depth for some hundreds of feet. A tunnel starting at the south fork has been driven 180 feet along the vein, which dips to the west at an angle of about 40 degrees and varies in width from a few inches to three or four feet. It carries considerable quantities of highly argenteous galena and also some native silver, ruby silver and arsenic sulphides. A few tons of sorted ore have been shipped.

Other important veins in the vicinity of Pooey Creek and its branches are the Joe Petty and the M. and M. The Joe

Petty is a very strong vein. A shaft following the lead has been sunk at one point to a depth of about fifty feet, showing a vein fully six feet in width.

The vein material consists of alternating layers of quartz and siliceous and mineralized country rock carrying layers and scattered grains and crystals of the rich silver and silvery-bearing minerals of the district. The M. and M. is a much narrower vein seldom exceeding twelve to fifteen inches in thickness, but is very persistent in strike. It is traceable on the surface for several hundred feet at least. This vein is especially rich in places in high grade silver minerals such as pyrrhotite, stephanite and the sulph-antimony referred as Freibergite.

Another important group of claims is situated south of Pooey Creek and about half a mile west of Windy Arm. This group includes, among others, Venus No. 1, Venus No. 2, and Ruby Silver. No work was being done on them at the time of my visit. Venus No. 2 is an exceedingly strong vein. The only work done on it consists of two shallow openings about 400 feet apart. These show a vein fully nine feet in width. The vein-filling consists of three and nine inches of quartz along the footwall, followed by alternating bands of quartz and decomposed and mineralized country rock. The ore is principally argenteous galena. Good assays in gold are stated to have been obtained from this vein. Venus No. 1 is a smaller vein. A shaft following the vein has been sunk on it to a depth of fifty-two feet. This shows a quartz vein, increasing in width from ten inches at the surface to about thirty inches at the foot of the shaft, bordered by several feet of decomposed and mineralized country rock, fissured parallel to the vein. Fifteen tons of ore obtained in sinking the shaft and shipped to outside smelters are stated to have averaged

165 per ton in silver. Ruby Silver is a narrow siliceous vein spotted, in places with the mineral from which it takes its name. Very little development work has been done on it.

South of the Venus group, and apparently in the same zone of fracturing, are the Red Deer and Humber claims. The Humber vein, as shown in a couple of small openings, has a width of about two feet. The quartz is bordered above and below by about a foot of decomposed iron-stained country rock which might be considered part of the lead. A shaft twelve feet in depth has been sunk on the Humber extension, an adjoining claim on the east. The vein followed has a width of about fifteen inches. The ore on the dumps showed galena, ruby silver, stephanite and green copper carbonate, probably derived from tetrahedrite.

About a mile north of the Montana is the Big Thing group. The conditions here are different, as the country rock is granite. A considerable body of loose ore, principally argenteous galena, evidently derived from a strong vein, occurs on one of the claims. The vein had not been determined at the time of my visit. A number of other veins are reported to cross the various claims, but were not examined.

The claims briefly described above comprise only a small proportion of those staked in the district, but on most of the remainder little or no development work has so far been done, and the time at my disposal did not permit me to make a systematic examination of them.

The general outlook for the camp is considered exceedingly promising, and its opening up marks an important event in the mining history of the country.

The mining conditions are not unfavorable. Most of the veins are situated at distances of from half a mile

to four miles from the lake and at elevations of from twelve hundred feet to three thousand six hundred feet above it. Aerial tramways can therefore easily be constructed for the carriage of the ores to the lake shore for concentration and can also be used to take supplies to the mines. Miners' wages during the past season amounted to \$3.50 per day for eight hours work, and ordinary laborers obtained the same amount for ten hours work. The cost of supplies, considering the short distance to the seaboard and the almost continuous fall connection, ought to be moderate. The climate, while severe during a portion of the year, will have little effect on mining operations.

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We are going to have a snatch and grab sale of Fine Dress Trimmings for 12½c. yard. Values that once sold up to \$1.00. Will go on Sale at 11 o'clock to-morrow for 12½c. yard.

By all means attend the Auction Sale of Pictures only. No Auction of Dry Goods at all. In the afternoon upstairs.

Buffalo Salvage Co.
PROMOTERS.

CHRISTMAS SALE

Japanese Fancy Goods and Grand Prize Drawing Competition

100 prizes ranging in value from \$75 down to 50c. to be drawn for December 24th. Every purchaser to the value of 50c. receives a numbered ticket, entitling the holder to a draw for these prizes. The first prize is a very large and handsome Japanese Vase.

Apart from the prize drawing competition, we are giving a present to every purchaser of one dollar and up.

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A FISH STORY

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**LOCK FYNNE HERRINGS, NO. 1
MACKEREL, LABRADOR HERRINGS**

FINEST PROCURABLE. AT THE

Windsor Grocery Company,
Opposite Post Office. Government Street.

The corporation has requested C. A. Holland, Jas. Foreman, Arthur Lee and Thomas Cattell to act as arbitrators in connection with the Birdseye Walk extension. The arbitration has been rendered necessary by the refusal of Mrs. Cameron to accept the city's offer for her property. Other property owners have been settled with.

There was a good attendance at the evangelistic services conducted by Rev. T. A. Rodgers at the First Presbyterian church last evening. The speaker delivered a very interesting address, which was listened to with the closest attention. Inspiring solos were rendered by Messrs. Brown and Gordon. Another service will be held to-night.

The construction of the new Rock Bay bridge is proceeding apace. Contractor Rockett has already accomplished as much of the preliminary work as is possible. He has built the frame of the structure for a short distance from the western end. This covers the septic tank. On the south end everything has been prepared for the planking. At the present time, however, operations have been suspended, it being impossible to continue until the arrival of a quantity of long piles which are being secured by the Sayward Lumber Company. The contractor is unable to say whether the undertaking will be completed within the time limit prescribed by the contract, the present delay having been entirely unforeseen.

It is announced that J. W. Mulholland, Dominion organizer of the Knights Templar, will visit British Columbia early in the new year. He has planned to spend about four months in the West, devoting his entire time and attention to the building up of the order. About a month of this will be spent in Victoria, and members of the local society look forward to a marked increase in numerical strength and general prosperity as a result of his efforts. No definite word has yet been received as to the date of his arrival, but it is understood, when the information comes there will be no delay in preparing a suitable reception. Mr. Mulholland is a fluent speaker, and will likely deliver a series of addresses in this city.

To-day the stock of gold kept in the Bank of England and France is about £150,000,000.

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FINEST EXTRA CURRANTS, 2 lbs. for	25c.
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BLUE RIBBON SEEDED RAISINS, per packet	10c.
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VALENCIA ALMONDS, per lb.	40c.
ALMOND PASTE, per lb.	50c.
VALENCIA RAISINS, per lb.	15c.
COOKING BRANDY, per quart	\$1.00
COOKING SHERRY, per quart	50c.
MIXED PEEL, 2 lbs. for	25c.

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42 GOVERNMENT STREET.

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Duly instructed, will hold a sale of Household Furniture, and other Goods, Silverware, Chrysanthemums, etc., etc.

On Wednesday, Dec. 13th

At 2 o'clock, including: Hall Stand, Occasional Tables, 2 Upholstered Chairs, Bentwood and Cane Chairs, Meat Safe, Stove Heater, Double Bed, Box Mattresses, Extension Tables, Kitchen Table, Lawn Mower, Garden Tools, Bed-room Suite, Crochery, Glassware, Scales, Lamps, Chandeliers, Free Wheel "Columbia" Bicycle, nearly new, Sewing Machine (nearly new), Chest of Drawers, Bureau and Washstand, Carpets, Silverware, Chrysanthemums, Christmas Goods, etc., etc. Also Two Good Milch Cows. The Auctioneers, L. EATON & CO.

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At Salesrooms, 77-79 Douglas Street,
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Furniture

Including a number of almost new finely Upholstered Easy Chairs, Silverware and Cutlery, Splendid Rugs, Pictures, Plaques, New Steel Range, etc. Further particulars later.

Wm. T. Hardaker,
AUCTIONEER

A SUNDAY LAW FOR DOMINION

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE
PRESENT REQUEST

Delegates Interview Ministers and Urge Introduction of Legislation at Early Date.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Rev. Dr. Potts, Rev. J. E. Shearer and Mr. Macpherson, the latter counsel for the Lord's Day Alliance, waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick to-day, and asked for an introduction of legislation in the early part of next session giving effect to the Lord's Day observance bill, which was presented by the government two years ago. Since that time the Supreme court and judicial committee of the Privy Council have held that the question of jurisdiction rested with the Dominion and not with the provinces. The delegation to-day, therefore, pressed for the Dominion taking action. It was pointed out that competent counsel had declared there was no Sunday law at present in Vancouver and Winnipeg, although the delegates did not credit this. In Montreal an attempt was being made to legalize Sunday theatres.

Mr. Fitzpatrick personally thought that the provinces could deal with the subject, but he admitted that the draft bill was a broad and liberal one, and there would be no serious difficulty in the government carrying it out. The delegation said that all churches, Roman Catholic and Protestant, were agreed on the terms of the bill. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that as the session of parliament would not be held very early there would be time for another conference with the delegates after he had referred the matter to the cabinet.

May Go to Senate.

Hon. G. W. Ross is booked for a seat in the Senate.

STREET CARS COLLIDE

Fog and Carelessness Responsible For Two Serious Accidents in Vancouver.

(Special to the Times.)
Vancouver, Dec. 12.—A car accident occurred this morning on the Lulu Island branch. Freight and passenger cars met in a head-on collision through the passenger motorman overrunning the orders to stop on a siding. Motorman Woodley, of the freight car, was seriously crushed, having his leg broken. The fronts of both cars were badly damaged. Yesterday afternoon two cars collided in a heavy fog on Westminster avenue bridge, over the Fraser creek. The fronts of both cars were badly shattered. Several passengers in the smaller car were cut and bruised. A Whitehead, of Mount Pleasant, was unconscious for some time after the shock.

INSURANCE COMPANIES.

C. A. Peabody, President of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York City.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 12.—Chas. A. Peabody was elected president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company at a meeting of the board of trustees to-day. Mr. Peabody's election was unanimous.

George W. Perkins tendered his resignation as vice-president and chairman of the finance committee of the New York Life Insurance Company at a meeting of the board of trustees to-day and it was accepted. Alexander E. Orr, a retired merchant, was elected to succeed Mr. Perkins.

Must Abolish Rebates.
Harrisburg, Dec. 12.—Insurance Commissioner Martin to-day notified all life insurance companies doing business in Pennsylvania that they must file written agreements abolishing giving of rebates, dismissing agents who do so and refusing to employ such agent for three years after dismissal.

Icebergs frequently stand more than 500 feet above the surface of the sea, but for every cubic foot above the surface there are eight cubic feet below.

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5-acre block, all cleared and fenced.
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ALARMING RUMORS.

Report That Insurgents at Riga Have Captured Fortress—Governor Appeals For More Troops.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12 (Night), via Eydkuhnen, Dec. 12.—Reports are in circulation to the effect that the insurgents at Riga have captured the fortress there. Inquiries made at the ministry of the interior resulted in the statement that the government's advice do not confirm the capture of the fortress and the seizure of the governor. The situation, however, is admitted to be grave. The commander at Riga yesterday appealed for additional troops, which were dispatched.

Charge Against Kaulbars.

Warsaw, Dec. 12.—Two prominent men of Odessa have declared their readiness to take a formal oath that Gen. Kaulbars, Governor-General of Odessa, said one day in October that all the Jews in Odessa must be massacred. The police of the first district of this city have struck, and the authorities have been ordered to arrest eleven of the leaders. The rest are confined to their barracks.

TO FLORISTS

Chance for live man with small capital. FOR SALE—Inverness Nursery with Stock; \$1,500 renting land, or \$2,000 to buy it. Open to offers. Apply

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NOTICE.

The Sanitary Feather Works, corner Port and Blanchard streets, have no agents soliciting for work, and are responsible only for orders given direct to Hurd & Ward, Props. Phone 522.

DIED.
WEEKS—At Vancouver, on Dec. 11th, Edwin Owen Weeks, aged 31 years.
GREGORY—At Vancouver, on Dec. 11th, Mrs. G. J. Gregory, aged 30 years.
CLEAR—At Vancouver, on Dec. 11th, Lawrence Clear, aged 50 years.

—John S. Richardson, secretary of the school board at New Alberni, B. C., is calling for applications for the position of teacher at that point, duties to commence next month.

The ruby, sapphire and topaz are identical in every particle but that of color, which difference may be said to be the only cause of a change of name.



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10 ft x 7 ft \$35.00 each 11 ft x 8 ft 1 inch, \$40.00 each

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Oriental Draperies

BAGDAD TURKISH PORTIERES 9 ft 6 x 4 ft 6, each. \$ 4.00
In Assorted Stripe Combinations

MOSQUE BAGDADS 9 ft 9 x 5 ft 4, each..... 6.50
BAGDADS in the Better Grades, each..... \$5.50, \$6.50, \$9.50, 10.50
BOMBAY SILK EMBROIDERED CURTAINS, per pair. 25.00

DAMASCUS CURTAINS, Striped designs in Blue, Red and Green Grounds, per pair..... \$7.00, \$9.00, 10.50
HAZARA CURTAINS, hand worked designs, size 7 ft 6 x 3 ft 3, at per pair..... 6.00

Others in Hand Embroidered Silk, pair.. \$15.00, \$24.00, 32.00
INDIAN CURTAINS—Printed Cotton 3 1-3 yards long, Green, Crimson and Blue Grounds, pair.. 7.50

PIANO DRAPES beautifully embroidered on Crimson Satin—size 82x23 inches, each..... 15.00

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ARMENIAN EMBROIDERED DOYLIES, each 30c, 50c
TEA COSSIES..... 50c

MATS—Cushion Covers—Table Centres, 16x16 at each \$5c, 90c, \$1.00, 12x18 at each 15c, 19x29 at each \$1.75, 20x30 each \$2.00, 37x57 each 7.50

ARMENIAN EMBROIDERED TABLE RUNNERS, each \$6.00, 8.00
CASHMERE SILK EMBROIDERED TABLE RUNNERS, ea 8.00, 12.00
COVERS, 31x31 2.75

INDIAN PRINTED COTTON TABLE COVERS in Greens, Blues and Reds, 36 inches square each 1.00
ORIENTAL EMBROIDERED LINEN ARTIS, each 2.00
ALGERIAN TABLE COVERS, each \$4.00, \$4.25, 6.75
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ANTIQUE DAMASCUS TRAYS, each \$14.00, \$17.50, 20.00
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